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C O N F I D E N T I A L NEW DELHI 8440

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SUBJ: EMERGENCY MEASURES IN INDIA

REF: NEW DELHI 8417

1. WIDESPREAD ARRESTS TOOK PLACE NOT ONLY IN DELHI BUT ELSEWHERE IN INDIA AS WELL, BEGINNING ABOUT 2 AM INDIAN TIME. THE ARRESTS (REPORTEDLY ABOUT 50 SO FAR) WERE ALL MADE UNDER THE MAINTENANCE OF INTERNAL SECURITY ACT. THE COMBINATION OF THE STATE OF EMERGENCY AND THE LANGUAGE OF MISA WILL PREVENT THOSE ARRESTED FROM MOVING THE COURTS TO OBTAIN THEIR RELEASE. THOSE ARRESTED NOW INCLUDE (IN ADDITION TO THOSE NOTED REFTEL) BLD LEADER CHARAN SINGH, SOCIALIST MP SAMAR
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GUHA, JANA SANGH LEADER A.B. VAJPAYEE, SOCIALIST LEADER

RAJ NARAIN, CONGRESS (R) PARLIAMENTARY PARTY SECRETARY
RAM DHAN, AND THE EDITOR FO THE JANA SANGH DAILY MOTHERLAND.
AN ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO ARREST CPM LEADER JYOTRIMOY BOSU,
BUT HE WAS NOT FOUND.

2. MRS. GANDHI CALLED AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF HER CABINET
AT 0600 LOCAL TIME AT HER HOME WHEN THE DECISION TO ISSUE
THE STATE OF EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION WAS ENDORSED. NO LIST
OF THOSE PRESENT AT THE MEETING HAS THUS FAR BEEN MADE
PUBLIC. PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF THE EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION
WAS MADE AT 0700 AND WAS FOLLOWED BY MRS. GANDHI'S SPEECH AT
0800 ON AIR (NEW DELHI 8427).

3. THE GOVERNMENT HAS IMPOSED "PRE-CENSORSHIP" ON ALL NEWS-
PAPER STORIES RELATING TO INTERNAL NEWS SUCH STORIES
HAVE TO BE SUBMITTED TO A GOVERNMENT DESIGNATED CENSOR.
THIS CAME ACROSS THE WIRE SERVICE WIRES AT 1115 LOCAL TIME
AND ONE HOUR LATER NOTHING FURTHER HAD MOVED OVER THE
WIRES. AP INFORMES US IT HAS ALSO NOT BEEN ABLE TO MOVE
ANY NEWS ON ITS INTERNATIONAL WIRE SINCE "PRE-CENSORSHIP"
WAS ANNOUNCED. WE UNDERSTAND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS
WERE ALSO CUT DURING THE NIGHT WHILE ARRESTS WERE BEING MADE,
AND THEN LATER RESTORED.

4. A SENIOR INDIAN AF OFFICER HAS INFORMED EMBOFF
UNEQUIVOCALLY THAT NONE RPT NONE OF THE MILITARY SERVICE
CHIEFS HAD ANY FOREWARNING OF THE STATE OF EMERGENCY OR THE
ARRESTS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE. THE ONLY MILITARY ACTIVITY
WE CAN IDENTIFY IN THE NEW DELHI AREA IS THE MOVEMENT OF ONE
BORDER SECURITY FORCES BATALLION INTO THE CITY IN THE LAST
24 HOURS. THIS UNIT IS BIVOUACED, BUT NOT DEPLOYED,
IN THE CITY AS OF NOON TODAY.
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